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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims are pending. Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 14, and 16 are amended and claims 5, 13, and 15 are canceled.

Claims 6-8 and 16 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 14-15 are rejected because of informalities, however, they would be allowed after overcoming the above rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to include all of the patentable limitations of the allowable claim 7 (including the limitation of claim 5), claim 9 is amended to include all of the patentable limitations of the allowable claim 15 (including the limitation of claim 13), claims 6 and 8 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim 1 and any intervening claim, and claims 14 and 16 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim 9 and any intervening claim. By the above amendments, amended claims 14-15 overcome the informality rejections.

As a result, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 12 and 17-19 are rejected as being fully anticipated by Wooten (US 6,493,473); and Claims 2-3, 5, 10-11 and 13 are rejected as being unpatentable over Wooten in view of Han (US 6,678,431). In view of the above amendments, these rejections are now moot and thus it is respectfully requested that these rejection be withdrawn

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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